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1. On 2 December 1950, Soviet Division Headquarters [] was located in the Nagema Building at 8 Franz Mehringstrasse, Grimma (N 52/E 40). The division was commanded by Colonel Tymen, (fnu), who had succeeded General Chiesh, (fnu), upon the latter's return to the U.S.S.R. (1)

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2. The Elsner Kaserne quartered an infantry unit []. Previous information that the installation also quartered an artillery unit [] was erroneous. The colonel who previously commanded the troops in the Elsner Kaserne had been relieved. Lieutenant Colonel Ryberstanov, (fnu), was acting commander. (2)

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3. Nine medium and 12 heavy tanks were observed with Tank Unit [] in the Strasburg Kaserne. (3)
4. About 25 percent of the personnel of Training Unit [] were stationed in an undetermined barracks installation of Grimma. Other elements of the unit were located in Wurzen and Nerchau. (4)

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- Comments.
- (1) A long time ago, the Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div [] was believed to be located in the Koenigin Carola Kaserne. It is probably now located in the Nagema Building. General Chiesh, (fnu), the former commanding general of the division, is undoubtedly Colonel Chish, (fnu), who was last identified as the commanding officer of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in February 1948. Major General I.N. Boyko was also identified as the division commander [] at about the same time. The present report fairly definitely establishes that Colonel Chish was the commanding officer of the 8th Gds Mecz Div until he was replaced by hitherto unknown Colonel Tymen, (fnu). The information on Major General I.N. Boyko was discredited because newspapers of December 1948 mentioned him among the personalities attending a ceremony at the Lenin Military Political Academy.

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- (2) The Elsnor Kaserne is probably identical with the Golzern Kaserne which borders on the Koenigin Carola Kaserne to the south. The present report states for the first time that the installation quartered an infantry unit. The previous report stating that an artillery unit [] was stationed there was corrected []
- (3) The information on the tanks observed [] strengthens the previous assumption that the unit is a tank battalion of a mechanized regiment of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. It is believed that the peacetime strength of such a battalion is two tank companies, with ten tanks to a company plus one command tank (21 tanks), and the wartime strength is three tank companies, with ten tanks to a company plus three command tanks (33 tanks). Furthermore it is believed that, at present, these battalions have virtually their full wartime equipment while their personnel is only at peacetime level. It is possible that the units have medium and heavy tanks.
- (4) A training unit [] is unknown. It may be the tank training battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, which is possibly split up and located at the posts mentioned. The present report states for the first time that Soviet troops are stationed in Nerchau, northeast of Grimma.

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